

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

---

FIG. 8 is a flow diagram illustrating another embodiment of the present invention. More specifically, FIG. 8 illustrates an embodiment of the present invention wherein the artificial passenger 100 sounds an alarm to prevent a key and/or child from becoming locked in the vehicle. First, step 800 checks to determine whether the key is in the vehicle, i.e., on the seat, armrest, or on the floor somewhere. If the key is not in the vehicle, it is presumed that the owner has the key and therefore will not lock the key in the car. In this situation, no additional checks need to be performed. If the key is determined to be in the vehicle, the system checks to see if the driver is moving out of the vehicle, in step 801. If the driver is not moving out of the vehicle, the system continues to monitor the driver in step 804. If the driver is moving out of the vehicle, the system checks, in block 802, to determine whether there is a child in the vehicle. If there is no child in the vehicle, the system notifies the driver that the keys are in the vehicle. If a child is in the vehicle, an alarm will sound, and the driver will be immediately notified that a child is in the vehicle

---